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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application, of which claim 1 has been amended. No new claims have been added.

On page 8, lines 14-18 of the Decision on Appeal mailed February 15, 2006, the Board stated:

Appellants did not file a reply brief, and so the only response we have from appellants to the examiner's rationale with regard to the different bit rates appears at pages 10-11 of the brief. Therein, appellants argue bit rates of 8Mbps versus 128Kbps and show that Kawasaki does not suggest these bit rates disclosed in the instant specification.

The Board then indicated that claim 1 was silent as to the actual bit rate. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to recite these specific bit rates.

The above amendments are believed to place the claims in proper condition for further examination. Early and favorable action is awaited.

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